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Subject:

Sulfur Plant

USS Clairton Works

USS Reference Number: 03-0006 Revision and Termination

Gentlemen:

The attached form revises and terminates the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 233-1015.

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Clairton Works Raw Materials

## NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

- 1. USS Reference Number: 03-0006 Revision and Termination
- 2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 01/22/03 Time: 1500 hours
- 3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation USS Clairton Works
- 4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: Sulfur Plant
- 5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
- 6. Location: Clairton, PA
- 7. Nature and cause of breakdown: Gas flow through the Sulfur Plant was disrupted when the lubricating oil to the C658 axi compressor was lost damaging the compressor. The back-up oil pump failed to come on-line. The spare 101J Axi was placed in service and will carry the full load.
- 8. Identification of Emissions:
  - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO<sub>2</sub>, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.)
    Hydrogen Sulfide in the down river gas, causing higher SO<sub>2</sub>
    at the combustion points. The daily average grains of H<sub>2</sub>S
    exceeded 40 during the change over process to the spare 101J
    Axi. No environmental impact is expected while the spare
    101J Axi carries the full load.
  - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO<sub>2</sub> is an eye, nose, and throat irritant. No environmental impact is expected while the spare 101J Axi carries the full load.

C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).

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Chemical	Quantity Released (lbs)	
CO	3	
$SO_2$	24	

9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).

The spare 101J Axi was put on-line and carried the full load at 2355 hours on 01/22/03. The spare C658 Axi was available and placed in service at 1530 hours on 02/02/03.

10. Facility back in operation - The environmental impact terminated at Date: 01/22/03 Time: 2355 hours. The spare C658 Axi was available at Date: 02/02/03 Time: 1530 hours.

Signature ((len) h. Daux) Date 0/4/03

Coleen M. Davis

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